STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT **INDIANAPOLIS**

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Indiana is blessed by its population of young children, who are an integral

and aspiring part of the culture and future of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Indiana recognizes the rights and needs of young children and their families

and the early childhood programs and services that are necessary to meet

those needs; and

WHEREAS, Indiana acknowledges that the early childhood years lay the foundation for

children's success in school and later life; and

WHEREAS, everyone, as citizens of a community, state, and nation, has a role to play in

making young children successful and healthy as they mature; and

WHEREAS, during April, recognized nationally as the Month of the Young Child, we

should take time to honor the importance of young children, and recognize those that support and strengthen the needs of young children year-round;

and

WHEREAS, we should all renew our commitment to the augmentation and

implementation of all connections that honor and encourage the growth and

education of young children; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance and resources of agencies such as the Family and Social

Services Administration Bureau of Child Care and its partners, including the Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children, we can help create

a better and promising future for the young children of Indiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim the week of April 20 - 26, 2008 as

THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereto

set my hand and cause to be affixed the

Great Seal of State. Done at the

City of Indianapolis, this 14th

day of April in the year of our

Lord 2008 and of the Independence

of the United States 232.

BY THE GOVERNOR: ME Daniel